

REMARKS

Claims 1, 15, 18, 32, 34, 35, 42-44, 48, 50-53, and 62-64 have been amended. Claims 2, 4-5, 13-14, 19, 21-22, 30-31, 45-47, 49, 51-52, and 60-61 have been canceled. No new claims have been added. Thus, claims 1, 3, 6-12, 15-18, 20, 23-29, 32-44, 48, 50, 53-59, and 62-64 are pending.

The title of the invention has been objected to. The title has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, the objection to the title should be withdrawn.

Fig. 8A has been objected to. Concurrently filed with the present amendment is a proposed drawing correction to Fig. 8A. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to approve the proposed drawing correction.

Claims 34, 42-43, 45, and 49-64 stand objected to due to minor informalities. Claims 34, 42-43, and 45 have been amended as suggested in the Office Action. Claims 48, 50, 53-59, and 62-64 have been amended to provide proper antecedent support. Accordingly, the objection to claims 34, 45, and 49-64 should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-34 and 45-64 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1, 18, and 48 have been amended to address the issues raised in the Office Action. Claims 1, 3, 6-12, 15-18, 20, 23-29, 32-34, 48, 50, 53-59, and 62-64 are believed to be in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph to claims 1-34 and 45-64 should be withdrawn.

Applicants' representative is grateful for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 14-15, 31-32, and 61-62. Claims 13-14 have been canceled. Claim 1 has been amended to recite subject matter similar to that previously recited in claims 13-14. Claims 30-31 have been canceled and their respective subject matter incorporated into claim 18. Claims 15, 32, and 62 have been amended to become independent claims

respectively incorporating the limitations of their former independent and intervening claims.

Claims 1-13, 16-30-, 33-41, 44-60, and 64-64 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Estakhri (U.S. Patent No. 6,040,997). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, “wherein said control circuit is responsive to a data transfer command, said data transfer command including a source address of a first sector in said first block, a destination address of a second sector in said second block, and a parameter specifying an amount of data, to copy the amount of data specified from sectors in said first block starting with said first sector and to sectors in said second block starting with said second sector, without transferring any content on an external bus.”

Claims 18 and 48 recite, *inter alia*, “wherein said control circuit is responsive to a data transfer command, said data transfer command including a source address of a first sector in said first block, a destination address of a second sector in said second block, and a length parameter specifying a total number of sectors starting from the source address to be copied to the destination address.”

Claim 35 recites, *inter alia*, “(a) receiving a data transfer command, said data transfer command specifying a first sector in said first block, a second sector in said second block, and a parameter specifying an amount of data to be copied from said first block to said second block; ... and ... (d) performing steps (b) and (c) repeatedly until the amount of data specified by the parameter has been copied from said first block to said second block.”

Estakhri discloses a flash memory system capable of copying data from one location to another location without externally transferring the data being copied. However, as noted by the Office Action, Estakhri fails to teach or disclose the use of a data

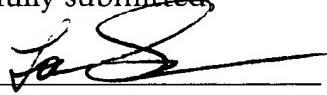
transfer size parameter, such as a length or count parameter. Accordingly, Estakhri fails to teach or disclose the above reproduced portions of independent claims 1, 18, 35, and 48.

Claims 1, 18, 35, and 48 are therefore believed to be allowable over the prior art. The depending claims (i.e., claims 3, 6-7, 8-12, 16-17, 20, 23-29, 33-34, 36-44, 50, 53-59, and 63-64) are believed to be allowable at least for the same reasons as stated for the independent claims.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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